

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers; and,

WHEREAS, Millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle; and,

WHEREAS, A nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war; and,

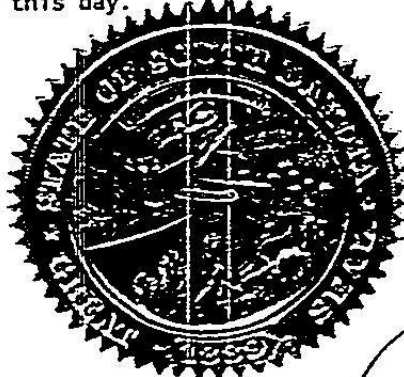
WHEREAS, The red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and,

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 12, 1989, as

#### POPPY DAY

in South Dakota, and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Sixth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Joyce Hazeltine*  
JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE